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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. ADMINISTRATION IS DRAWING UP BRIEF AND TIGHT LISTS OF SPECIFIC POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADOR AT EACH POST, UPDATING AND FOCUSING MORE SHARPLY THOSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN SET FORTH IN CONNECTION WITH BUDGET/POLICY PROCESS. THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WE HAVE DEFINED FOR YOUR MISSION ARE:

2. GENERAL POLITICAL

-- REASSURE THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE U.S. CONTINUES TO BE INTERESTED IN PRESERVING THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA. (STATE)

-- WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT MALAYSIA WILL NOT TAKE POSITIONS WHICH BRING IT INTO OPEN CONFLICT WITH THE NON-ALIGNED OR ISLAMIC BLOCS, COMMUNICATE THE U.S. VIEW ON ISSUES OF CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPORTANCE TO US IN INTERNATIONAL FORA IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MALAYSIAN SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION. (STATE)

DEFENSE AND SECURITY

-- INDICATE THE WILLINGNESS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO BE RESPONSIVE IN ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP A

MODEST DEFENSE CAPABILITY THROUGH FMS FINANCING OF
(AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE) AND FMS CASH SALES OF APPRO-
PRIATE MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND THROUGH THE IMET MILITARY
TRAINING PROGRAM. (STATE, DOD, FIELD)

ECONOMIC

-- MAINTAIN U.S. ACCESS TO MALAYSIAN NATURAL RESOURCES,
PARTICULARLY TIN AND RUBBER (FOR EACH OF WHICH MALAYSIA
IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER AND THE U.S. THE WORLD'S
LARGEST CONSUMER). (STATE, FIELD)

NARCOTICS

-- CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT
IN ITS EFFORTS TO HALT THE USE OF MALAYSIA FOR INTER-
NATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. (STATE, DEA, FIELD)

REFUGEES

-- ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO PERMIT THE
USE OF MALAYSIA AS A COUNTRY OF POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR
INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. (STATE)

HUMAN RIGHTS

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-- KEEP THE GOVERNMENT FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE
WHICH THE U.S. ATTACHES TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. THE ABOVE LIST PURPOSELY OMITTS SUCH TRADITIONAL
"GOALS AND OBJECTIVES" AS IMPROVING RELATIONS, MAIN-
TAINING EXISTING TIES AND ASSOCIATIONS, PROTECTING
BUSINESS, EXPANDING TRADE, AND US CITIZEN INTERESTS,
AS WELL AS REFERENCES TO IMPLEMENTING BASIC POLICIES OF
THE ADMINISTRATION SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS, NON-
PROLIFERATION, ARM SALES, AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
UNLESS THESE REQUIRE UNUSUAL OR PARTICULAR EMPHASIS OR
DEEMPHASIS IN A GIVEN COUNTRY. NEGOTIATION OF NEW AGREE-
MENTS OR ON KEY SUBJECTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED AND IF THESE
ARE NOT NOTED AND YOU BELIEVE THEY ARE AREAS WHERE SUCH
NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED, PLEASE MAKE ADDITIONS
OR SUGGESTED CHANGES. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR COMMENTS BY
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